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Planning the Annual Flower Gardens \*

SUGGESTIONS FROM THE LAFKINS

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## GOLF AND LAWN SUPPLY CORPORATION

So much has been said and sung of flowers that sometimes it would seem impossible to say anything new, for gardens and flowers have been the delight of poets through the ages. So we, too, are going to forget the stereotyped descriptions of all the lovely annuals, seed of which we have for you, as well as their prices, for you know the prices are stereotyped also. Let us stroll through a make-believe garden. The kind we all dream about but never quite fully achieve.

The morning is in May, 1948. The sun is bright and warm and all outdoors is beckoning and sendforth a freshness that can only come with spring. The early tulips are in bloom and the Darwins are full of buds. How thankful we are that those bulbs were all planted last fall! The azaleas are showing their gratefulness for the blanket of snow which covered them all winter and not a bud is blasted. But - we must plan replacements for the tulips now. The little brown bulbs have spent their energy and must rest all summer. What can be planted in those beds? There is no flower more satisfactory or colorful than the PETUNIA. You may choose your own. There are reds, purples, blues, all shades of pink and salmon, and lovely snowy white ones. Petunia seeds are very tiny and not too easy to start. Perhaps you would rather have plants a little later. We will have a complete selection. Insects never bother this lovely plant and it never need be sprayed or dusted. Given ample moisture and food, petunias produce a mass of color till frost.

What other suggestions could be made for the tulip beds? SNAPDRAGONS, of course. They, too, come in a wide range of color and make excellent bedding plants as well as being the almost perfect flower for cutting and arranging. The more they are cut, the more they will bloom. Rust-resistant varieties are best. Here, again, if seeds are to be used, they must be started early. But you may have waited till too late, so we will have the plants.

Yes, there must be a little border around these beds this summer. Depending on size, buy a sufficient quantity of LITTLE GEM ALYSSUM.

Mix it with a cupful of dry sand or soil and sprinkle thinly around the edge of the beds and they will wear a white lacy collar all summer.

Now we find a vacant spot where the cutting garden just fits. First on our list for it are ZINNIAS. When occasionally we hear that someone doesn't like zinnias it leaves us a little startled. There

are so many kinds, surely there is one for each of us. This year try a packet of the new Luther Burbank kind with their lovely pastel shades. And since they are new, plant them for "speculation." Not taking any chances on our zinnia dividends, also plant a packet of pastel DAHLIA Flowered Mixed. These, along with the Burbanks, should hold the center of attraction in the cutting garden. There must be a few Cut and Come Again varieties or some Lilliputs which are so necessary for cutting and arranging. They come in a multitude of separate colors, or mixed. For something a little different in the way of zinnias, plant the David Burpees, with their twisted petals that look not like zinnias at all. They sometimes mildew in a wet season but are invaluable in arrangements. The two-toned Super Giants are large and lovely and add an unusual note to the garden bouquet. We all have miniature bowls and vases for which the tiny Cupids are perfect. They, too, come in a wide range of color or in mixtures.

Our home state adopted the zinnia as its own and we know of no flower that can be grown so easily or has so many varied forms and colors.

Plant it and you will love it too.

Many flowers are called barometers. 'Tis said the African MARIGOLD indicates rain if the corollais closed after 7 or 8 in the morning. But that is only one reason for planting marigolds. Their bright yellow and orange hues add an interesting note in the summer garden. True - the beetles like them too, but a few dustings of DDT will put this pest out of joint in a hurry. There are many varieties but the newer pale yellow Mammoth Mum that looks like a huge chrysanthemum is truly beautiful. Mayling is another pale yellow carnation-flowered type. To give contrast, plant Victory, a deeper golden orange. The large varieties like plenty of food and water but don't overfeed the French types. They go too much to foliage and fail to produce enough blooms.

There is no gayer border plant than Yellow Pygmy, a pale lemon-yellow which grows only about six inches tall. Spry is our favorite of the two-toned kinds with Tagetes running a close

Head looks promising but we hope "she" outlives her newest sister, Naughty Marietta, which we found too sprawly last year.

When making up the quantities of seed packets each spring, we usually triple the number of BLUE CORNFLOWER. We have often wondered why milady plants so many blue cornflowers. While reading a book



this winter, written in 1859, we found the answer, which is quoted here with no further comment: The beautiful blue of this flower, which is of the color of an unclouded sky, has made it the emblem of a tender and delicate sentiment, nourished by hope.

Her love is pure and glad and true As yonder heaven of stainless blue.

But come back from the clouds to the cutting garden and, last but not least, the ASTERS. Personally, we still like the "old-fashioned" Giant Branching with its straight petals. There is a delicate shell-pink that is wonderful to behold. But if you don't like pink, there are all the other colors, too. Some prefer the curled and interlaced petals of the Giant Gregowhich comes in a myriad of colors, separate or mixed. Then from sunny California come the large daisy-like California Giant Sunshine Asters. They are composed of a single row of long narrow petals surrounding a small yellow quill-like disc. These branching plants grow 2½ feet tall with strong stems for cutting and come in a mixture only. Their fairy-like appearance is beautiful.



And what shall we do with that shady spot? We hear it so often! If it is dense shade, plant LILY OF THE VALLEY. Our flower dictionary says Lilies of the Valley mean "return of happiness" and, if the soil is well prepared and enriched, that is exactly what will happen.

If the shade is only mild, there are several flowers we may have. TUBEROUS ROOTED BEGONIAS with their wax-like, almost unbelievable beauty, will thrive. Two lovely companions for the begonias are TORENIA (often called the blue snapdragon) and BROWALLIA. Many saw both of these in front of our store last summer, and 'Torenia" and 'Browallia" were written more often than our name while they were in bloom.

IMPATIENS is one of the hardiest of all shade loving plants. It isn't the most beautiful flower in the world but it fills a spot when none other will do. All of these shade plants can be grown from seed but that is the professional's job. We will have plants of all of them when

proper planting time arrives.

Along yonder fence must be planted a vine. There is no annual vine as showy as HEAVENLY BLUE MORNING GLORY. One snowy day this January a gentleman came to our store and ordered 100 of these plants, to be about 1½ feet tall at planting time. When we could not give him a price he asked to be advised. That man will have his Morning Glories and the price will not be too high. We want to drive past his home some summer morning and drink in the intoxicating beauty those hundred plants should give along his fence.

There are other quick growing vines, CARDINAL CLIMBER, COBEA SCANDENS (Cathedral Bells) and the CYPRESS VINE. We once made the mistake of suggesting the Scarlet Runner bean as a screen on a porch. It grew vigorously but the Japanese beetle made lacy windows in the leaves and ruined the "screening."

With the heavenly Blue Morning Glories in the background, the perennial border of Iris, Delphinium, Phlox, Day Lilies and Chrysanthemums needs the additional color which certain annuals provide. One of the gayest is CLEOME (Pink Queen) which grows tall and erect. It holds fast to its seed pods all summer but keeps on blooming. When fall comes, the seeds are scattered to the four winds and Cleome is in the garden forever after.

A few plants of the night blooming NICOTIANA, with its exotic fragrance, will make the gar-

den an evening delight.

Red or blue SALVIA will cover up the unsightly spots left by the Iris when their blooming

season is over.

A very dear little lady from whom we have learned so much, made the nicest suggestion for the asparagus bed. Plant seeds of SENSATION COSMOS or the new RADIANCE COSMOS between the rows of aeparagus. The effect is delightful. When the planting is finished, make this mental note, No staking will be required here.

And now the sunny ROCK GARDEN. One of the really splendid annuals for the rock garden is VERBENA. Even in dry spots and poor soil it will flourish. It comes in many colors, all bright and gay with white eyes winking in the sunlight. The annual PHLOX (drummondi) with their clear, true colors will also do well in the sunny rock garden. AGERATUM, the Riverside strain, makes a bushy compact plant with heads of blue all summer to offset the pinks, reds, and yellows of the other flowers. Dainty LOBELIA is another blue flower that many of us omit. And the annual DIANTHUS, with their spicy and saucy flowers, grow healthily without much care.

When the rock garden has been planted, take a few packets of SHIRLEY POPPIES and broadcast the seed over all. They will pop up in the strangest places and their delicate papier-mache

blossoms will be abundant reward.



Space does not permit mention of all the annual flower seeds we have and perhaps your favorite has not been included here. But we have seeds of all and hope you will come make your selection in person. We always enjoy planning the garden with you.

At the moment, our perennial list is not complete but we do not anticipate missing a single one of these hardy, satisfactory plants this

spring.



DORMANT HYBRID TEA ROSES

These two-year old, field grown plants are wrapped in 50% pure sphagnum moss and 50% red cedar tow to keep the roots moist. Complete with planting instructions. These are the universal favorites of the garden. Symbols indicate the fragrance.

f - slightly fragrant
 ff - very fragrant
 fff - intensely fragrant.

RED

AMI QUINARD. Velvety, crimson red. f ETOILE DE HOLLANDE. Brilliant red. ff GRUSS AN TEPLITZ. Dark, velvety scarlet. fff H.D.M. BARTON. Unfading rich crimson. f MARGARET McGREDY. Orange scarlet. f POINSETTIA. True poinsettia-red. f RED RADIANCE. Clear, even red. fff

PINK

EDITOR McFARLAND. Clear, brilliant pink. f PINK RADIANCE. Cameo-pink. fff PRESIDENT MACIE. Clear pink, deeper reverse. f

YELLOW

GOLDEN DAWN. Sunflower yellow. fff SOEUR THERESE. Chrome yellow. f GOLDEN CHARM. Exquisite pale yellow. fff

WHITE

FRAU KARL DRUSCHKI. Snow white tinged pink in center.
WHITE RADIANCE, White with flush of shell pink.f

PINK and COPPER SHADES

BETTY UPRICHARD. Delicate salmon-pink, carmine reverse with coppery sheen. fff
EDITH NELLIE PERKINS. Outside petals orient-red shaded cerise, inside salmon-pink. f
PRESIDENT HOOVER. Medium orange except for outside petals which fade to lighter shade. ff
TALISMAN. Golden yellow and copper with tint of pink. fff

ALL ABOVE DORMANT STOCK \$1.00 each; 5 for \$4.75.

#### DORMANT CLIMBING ROSES

BLAZE (Ptd). With the blazing color of Paul's Scarlet and the everblooming habit of Gruss an Teplitz. \$1.50.

SILVER MOON. Moon-white flowers with brilliant yellow centers. \$1.00.

MME. GREGOIRE STAECHELIN. Delicate pink flowers.
Abundance of bloom in June. \$1.00.

AMERICAN BEAUTY. Crimson-carmine flowers. \$1.00.

Correct planting depth

PAUL'S SCARLET. Vivid scarlet flowers, vigorous and profuse bloomer. \$1.00.

DR. VAN FLEET. Cameo-pink flowers-long stems.\$1.00

GOLDEN GLOW (Sub-Zero). Spectrum yellow. Abundant mass color display. Rose Court at

World's Fair was planted with 200 of

Golden Glow.

## DORMANT PATENTED ROSES

All two-year old, field grown stock.

AMERICAN FLAGSHIP. Brilliant, unvarying scarlet, f CHARLOTTE ARMSTRONG. Spectrum-red to cerise. f GRAND DUTCHESS CHARLOTTE. Dusky coral-red. COUNTESS VANDALL. Brilliant pink lightened with salmon. f

MME. HENRY GUILLOT. Watermelor-pink. f
CRIMSON GLORY. Crimson shaded with deep velvety
nap. ff

ALL ABOVE PATENTED ROSES: \$1.75 ea.; 3 for \$5.00

#### BROWNELL SUB-ZERO ROSES

These roses are a new race from hardier Species that will bloom more freely and constantly all summer. Of great sturdiness and vigor, they will outlive other varieties even through subzero winters. Our supply is limited this year. Dormant plants will be offered for one week only and then will be potted and offered later, therefore we suggest you place orders early for any of these. Dormant stock.

ANNE VANDERBILT. Exquisite coppery orange.

Brilliant and fragrant.

BREAK O'DAY. Orange to apricot. Free bloomer.

LILY PONS. White with pure yellow center.

TOMKINS RED. Deep velvety red. Continuous bloom.

PINK PRINCESS. Beautiful deep pink flowers.

SHADES OF AUTUMN. Red, yellow and blush. A bicolored beauty.

V FOR VICTORY. Large double yellow blooms.
TIP TOES. Delightful mixture of red, orange
and pink tints.

ALL ABOVE SUB-ZERO ROSES: \$1.75 ea.; 3 for \$5.00

#### POTTED ROSES

WE WILL HAVE POTTED ROSE BUSHES READY IN LATE MAY. PRICES WILL BE SOMEWHAT HIGHER THAN FOR DORMANT STOCK. IF YOU WISH TO PLACE YOUR ORDER FOR POTTED ROSES TO BE DELIVERED WHEN READY, PLEASE ASK FOR OUR SPECIAL LIST.

## MISCELLANEOUS SUMMER FLOWERING BULBS

CALADIUMS

These are excellent foliage plants for semishady places in the garden. Will thrive if soil is amply supplied with organic matter and kept moist. These large sized bulbs should be potted and started ahead of outdoor planting.

CANDIDUM. Leaf snowy white with green veins. HALDEMAN. Pink with narrow green edge. HORTILANIA. Crimson leaf with bluish tints. MRS. F. SANDER. Dark green leaf blotched rose. 50¢ each; 10 for \$4.50.

CANNAS

Showiest of all summer bedding plants. An old favorite that is finding recognition once more.

CITY OF PORTLAND. Glowing pink. HUNGARIA. Deep rose. KING HUMBERT RED. Orange scarlet. KING HUMBERT YELLOW. Golden yellow. THE PRESIDENT. Red EUREKA. White.

5 for 75¢; 10 for \$1.35.

TUBEROSES

Flower spikes attain a height of about 2 feet and are compactly filled with very large, perfectly double white flowers of wax-like appearance. Exceedingly fragrant.

DOUBLE PEARL. An old favorite. 3 for 50¢.
MEXICAN SINGLE. Fragrant. Easily grown. 3 for 40¢.

ISMENE CALATHINA

Often called the Peruvian Daffodil. Of easy culture, they will bloom six weeks after planting. Flowers resemble pure white Amaryllis. Jumbo bulbs. 3 for \$1.75; Doz. \$6.00.



MONTBRETIAS

These little known and used flowers are like miniature gladiolus. They produce spikes of exquisite flowers which last two weeks after cutting. Mixed colors only. 10 for \$1.00

## TIGRIDIA

Mexican Shell Flower. Few flowers have such gorgeous colors. Plant in sunny, well-drained soil. Same treatment for gladiolus. 6 for  $90\phi$ ; 12 for \$1.50.



## LARGE FLOWERING DAHLIAS

New and standard varieties, strong divisions. Prices indicated are for individual roots.

JEAN KERR. Most popular white, medium size and prolific. Excellent for floral arrangments. 25¢. BRONZE BALL. Ball type, sturdy, medium size flower of solid bronze. Good stem. 30¢. JERSEY'S BEAUTY. A favorite fine pink. 35¢. KENTUCKY. Beautiful orange, good flower and stem. 35¢. JERSEY'S BEACON. Chinese red with lighter reverse. 35¢.

GOLDEN ECLIPSE. Large golden yellow. Fine for cutting. 35¢.

GALLANT FOX. Good red with sturdy stem. 25¢. THOMAS EDISON. Striking royal purple. 45¢. WHITE WONDER. Pure white. Perfect form. 35¢. AVALON. Clear yellow. Best of this color. 35¢. JERSEY'S WHITE BEAUTY. Pure white. Wiry stem. 35¢. LAVENDER LADY. Large lavender flower on strong stem. 35¢.

JAMES KIRBY. Clear red. Good form. 40¢. JANE COWL. Large shaggy flower of copper and gold. 40¢.

## DAHLIA COLLECTIONS

These collections come attractively boxed, complete with planting and growing instructions. Exceptional value.

"GARDEN FULL OF DAHLIAS". Contains six of the most popular standard varieties such as Jane Cowl, Jersey's Beauty and the whole color range. Each root labeled. \$1.65.

'SUPER COLLECTION OF DAHLIAS'. Six outstanding varieties, all renowned in the higher price bracket and all properly labeled. \$1.95.

'POMPON COLLECTION". Six choice pompons, each of six different colors. A joy. \$1.65.

'MINIATURE COLLECTION'. Six leading varieties. Consists of the choicer miniatures. \$1.75. Consists of the choicer miniatures.

"CACTUS COLLECTION". Every dahlia lover wants Cactus varieties and the six in this collection are all true types. \$1.95.

## GLADIOLUS

Gladiolus bulbs should be planted 4 inches deep in any good garden soil. They prefer a sunny location and plenty of fertilizer. Bulbs or corms we offer are large Number One size. Thrips which attack these flowers may be easily controlled if dusted or sprayed with DDT.

AMERICAN COMMANDER. Brightest of all reds BLACK OPAL. Deep maroon red VAGABOND PRINCE. Rich velvety garnet DR. BENNETT. Fiery red ALBATROSS. Pure lovely white MYRNA. Ruffled, creamy white SNOW PRINCESS. Tall, graceful white STAR OF BETHLEHEM. Large pure white MARGARET BEATON. Pure white blotched red CHARLES DICKENS. Lovely purple KING LEAR. Ruffled purple BARCAROLE. Large, clear orange BLUE ADMIRAL. Deep violet blue RUDOLPH SERKIN. Large pansy blue ISOLA BELLA. Ruffled pale lavender CAMELLIA. Blush white tinted pink CORONA. Light pink picotee edged MARGUREITA. Deep watermelon pink PINK RADIANCE. Large, silvery pure pink MISS NEW ZEALAND. Hugh salmon PFITZERS MASTERPIECE. Large salmon pink PICARDY. Tall salmon pink GOLDEN CHIMES. Hugh, deep yellow GOLDEN DREAM. Large pale yellow BAGDAD. Smoky old rose

All varieties 10¢ ea; \$1.00 doz; 25 for \$1.95; 50 for \$3.85; 100 for \$7.50

except:

Blue Admiral, Isola Bella, Margureita which are 12¢ each; \$1.25 dozen

#### GLADIOLUS DE LUXE

These are seven new, outstanding, Dutch-grown glads, a little higher priced than the others offered, but we are sure you will want to try a few of them this year.

PAUL RUBENS. Light sparkling bishop's purple, midseason, sturdy, tall and Number One at the 1947 Gladiolus Show at Binghamton, N.Y.

PINKIE. Luscious watermelon pink, sparked with deeper pinks. 4-5 dominant blooms open at one time.

MANSOER. Mahogany red, overlaid with sheen of black-red, midseason. An eye-feast of color, habit and form.

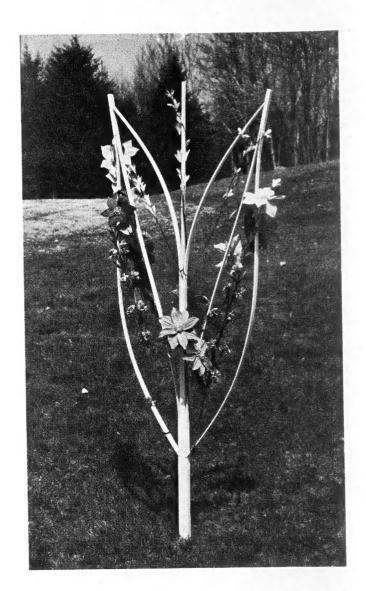
habit and form. MUZIO CLEMENTI. Coerulean orchid shade, single row of florets, medium size, but up to 8 open

at once. Tall and unforgettable.

SALMAN'S GLORY. Small scarlet arrow on large creme petals. Tall, 18-20 buds with 8 florets open at one time. A sublimated Margaret Beaton. VINCENT VAN GOGH. Son of Picardy, salmon with orange scarlet overlay, scarlet arrow blotch in throat. Early and tall. Complete attention.

ELIZABETH THE QUEEN. A combination of lavender and cream. Flower highly ruffled with intensity of color at margin. Often called the most beautiful of all recent introductions.

Any of above: 15¢ each; 7 for \$1.00



## HARDWOOD TRELLISES

This patented hardwood trellis of unique design will last for many years. These are cut out of solid oak with a patented locking device. All painted with two coats of white. Excellent for pillar roses, clematis and other climbing plants.

Made in 4 sizes:

Five feet .				\$2.75
Six feet .				2.95
Seven feet				5.50
Eight feet				6.00



## ARBORS

A lovely entrance to any garden. This arbor is 7 feet high, 2 feet deep, 3½ feet wide inside. Painted two coats of white. The high grade lumber is dressed to smooth surfaces. \$9.50

Other arbors of different and pleasing designs in stock also.

## HARDY GARDEN LILIES

The hardy lilies are easy to grow in any good, well-drained garden loam and increase in beauty each year. Most all lilies do well in a sunny location if the soil is mulched so it does not dry out. A ground cover of living plants is an excellent method of keeping your lily bed shaded.

REGALE LILY. Gorgeous bell-shaped white blooms with a shading of lilac-pink on the outside. Blooms during July. Sweet-scented. Plant 7 in. deep. Large bulbs 50¢ each. Medium size - 3 for \$1.00.

TENUFOLIUM (Coral Lily). Nodding, deep coralred flowers with reflexed petals, borne during June and July on slender stems about 18 inches tall. Like damp soil among rocks with access to sunlight. Plant 6 inches deep. 3 for \$1.00. UMBELLATUM ERECTUM. Rich crimson spotted with black. Carries its large showy blooms in an upright position on stems 2 or 3 ft. tall. Cover 4 inches. Large bulbs - 50¢ each.

SPECIOSUM RUBRUM. The pink show lily. The rosywhite flowers are spotted with crimson. Petals are reflexed, lovely and striking. Blooms in August and September. Plant 7 inches deep. Large bulbs - 75¢ each.

SPECIOSUM ALBUM. The white show lily. Large white blooms with golden green markings in the throat; reflexed petals. Blooms in August and September. Extra large bulbs - \$1.25 each.

HENRYI. The yellow show lily. Brilliant orange-salmon flowers with reddish brown spots. Blooms in late July and August. Sometimes called the yellow speciosum. Plant 7 inches deep. Large bulbs - 50¢ each.

BROCCOLI - CABBAGE - LETTUCE - ONION - SOUTHERN FIELD GROWN PLANTS

Available about April 17

We have many requests for early hardened plants of these vegetables and have found the southern field grown plants superior to those produced locally. All will stand light frost. Since they grow best in the cooler weeks of spring, these plants will insure early crops. Prices are most reasonable.



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